



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**July 30, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

#### *O God Beyond All Praising*

arr. L. Larson

Psalm 105:1-2: *Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

"O God beyond all praising we worship You today, and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay. For we can only wonder at every gift You send; at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word; we honor and adore You our great and mighty Lord. Then hear O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring; that we who know Your favor may serve You as our king. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still. To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise."

(words by M. Perry, 1982; The Jubilate Group; admin. by Jubilate Hymns. Ltd./Hope Publishing Co.)  
(music (*Thaxted*) by G. Holst, 1918)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing, 2014)

### **Introit**

#### *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Passing of the Peace** (L: Leader; **P: People**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

#### **\*\*Call to Worship**

Sarah Trodden

L: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**P: whose love has conquered death.**

L: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**P: who leads us into life.**

L: Let us worship God!

#### **\*\*Hymn – 463**

*How Firm a Foundation*

## **\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.**

## **\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

**P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## **\*\*Response - insert**

*Spirit of the Living God*

## **Moment with Children**

*\*Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

*Children ages preschool—third grade dismissed to Sunday Experience  
Please see the following page for special instructions*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scriptures**

Psalm 119:129-136  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Heavenly Similes

Rev. Scott Hoffman

## **\*\*Hymn - see insert**

*To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared?  
\* Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Received*

## **Invitation to Offering**

*There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!*

## **Offertory**

*Heavenly Sunlight*

arr. L. Shackley

John 8:12: *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

*"Walking in sunlight, all of my journey, over the mountains, through the deep vale; Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee," promise divine that never can fail. Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine; hallelujah, I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine. In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing, pressing my way to mansions above; singing His praises gladly I'm walking, walking in sunlight, sunlight of love. Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine; hallelujah, I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine."*

(words by H. Zelle, 1899; music (*Sunlight*) by G.H. Cook, 1899; public domain)  
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2008)

**\*\*Doxology - 710**

*We Lift Our Voices*

We lift our voices;	All that we have,
we lift our hands;	all that we are,
we lift our lives up to you:	all that we hope to be,
we are an offering.	we give to you,
Lord, use our voices;	we give to you.
Lord, use our hands;	We lift our voices;
Lord, use our lives;	we lift our hands;
they are yours:	we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.	we are an offering;
	we are an offering.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")**

**\*\*Hymn - 65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*God Will Take Care of You*

arr. A. Whitworth

Deuteronomy 31:8a: *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

"Be not dismayed what'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way; He will  
take care of you. God will take care of you."

(words by C. Martin, 1904; music (*God Cares*) by W. Martin, 1905; both are public domain)

(this organ solo: Good Life Publications, Inc., 1982; Belwin Mills Publishing Corp.)

Music Note:

The offertory piece today, *Heavenly Sunlight*, is a beloved gospel song, first published in 1899. The tune (*Sunlight*) was composed by George Harrison Cook. Toward the end of his life, he took the tune to Henry Zelle, who was known for his evangelistic fervor, asking him to provide words for it.

The lyrics praise Jesus as the light of the world, and identify several blessings that we have as we walk in Jesus Christ, our light.

Thank you to Neil Danzig and Allen Exner for providing audio support this week!  
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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Fifth Sunday Offering**

The Fifth Sunday Offering collected today will go to A Home Of Our Own Howard (HOOO)  
[www.homeofourownhoward.org](http://www.homeofourownhoward.org).

Please see the next page for information about our scheduled work day at this organization and a wish list of supplies they need.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Please sign up to donate blood and save lives!  
August 15th in Fellowship Hall from 12:30 - 6:00 pm



## **Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work**

An update on June 30, 2023 (50% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$241,550 - 52% of budget

Actual Expenses \$273,110 - 48% of budget

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

This annual event which blesses our school bags in preparation for a new school year will take place during worship on August 27th. We hope to see you there!



**Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:  
[www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters](http://www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters)**

## Mission Committee Sponsored Workday

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a workday at A Home Of Our Own Howard (HOOO)

[www.homeofourownhoward.org](http://www.homeofourownhoward.org). Help is needed with sorting, organizing and counting the incoming inventory.

Date: Thursday August 24, 2023, from 10:00-12:00.

Please RSVP to BJ Walworth, [bjwalworth@hotmail.com](mailto:bjwalworth@hotmail.com), 410-300-0242 August 18th to participate or ask questions.

If anyone wants to volunteer for a different day, please send an email to [info@homeofourownhoward.org](mailto:info@homeofourownhoward.org).

### WISH LIST - ITEMS OF GREAT NEED - New or Gently Used:

- pizza cutters
- steak knives
- ice cream scoops
- cookie sheets
- cooling racks
- cutting boards
- crockpots
- hand mixers
- pasta servers & pie servers
- serving platters & bowls
- large drinking glasses
- hot pads, pot holders, trivets
- dish cloths for kitchen
- alarm clocks & wall clocks
- shower curtains, liners, and rings
- wash cloths for bathroom
- hand towels for bathroom
- **“deep pocket” sheets & mattress pads** - twin, full, and queen sizes
- **blankets** – full and queen sizes
- **comforters** – queen size
- electric skillets
- microwaves
- Swiffers
- **NEW** toilet plungers & toilet brushes
- **NEW** bagless upright vacuums

*Home Of Our Own Howard is a 501c3 nonprofit*

**THANK YOU**



## Home Of Our Own Howard Needs Your Help!

**Would you consider setting up a collection site at your location?**

- We will pick up your donations. Please contact us so we can arrange a date and time for pickup. Contact us at: [donate@homeofourownhoward.org](mailto:donate@homeofourownhoward.org)
- We do not have a deadline set up for these collections.
- The items listed are ongoing needs asked for on a regular basis.
- Monetary gifts are always appreciated, too!
- Please visit our website for more information:



[www.homeofourownhoward.org](http://www.homeofourownhoward.org)

## 463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 빛으시고 채우소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

## SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.  
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

# To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared?

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with refrain ("To God be the Glory")

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems of five staves each. The first system covers measures 1-5, and the second system covers measures 6-10. The lyrics are as follows:

To what can the king - dom of God be com - pared? A  
A small bit of lea - ven will change the whole bread; A  
While some look for treas - ure or one price - less pearl, God's  
5  
must - ard seed falls where a field's been pre - pared, And there, where pre -  
poor wo - man sees that her neigh - bors are fed, A church rea - ches  
10  
reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world. A girl sells poss -  
dict - a - ble plant - ings should be, There grows up a wild bush, - as  
out to the youth in the town, A man shares his faith and God's  
15  
ess - ions to help those in need; A boy choos - es faith - ful - ness  
big as a tree! God of love, here on earth, hid - den things still sur -  
20  
bless - ings a - bound. God of love, here on earth, hid - den things still sur -  
rath - er than greed. God of love, here on earth, hid - den things still sur -  
prise; Lov - ing deeds... signs of birth... faith - ful, Spi - rit - filled lives. Your  
25  
prise: Lov - ing deeds... signs of birth... faith - ful, Spi - rit - filled lives. Your  
prise: Lov - ing deeds... signs of birth... faith - ful, Spi - rit - filled lives. Your  
reign is a - maz - ing, your ways still as - tound, Just  
30  
reign is a - mong us, cre - a - tion is blessed, When  
reign is a trea - sure that wise ones pur - sue; May  
like that new life spring - ing forth from the ground.  
e - ven a few faith - ful lives change the rest.  
we seek your king - dom in all that we do.

Biblical Reference: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Tune: William Howard Doane, 1875 ("To God Be the Glory")

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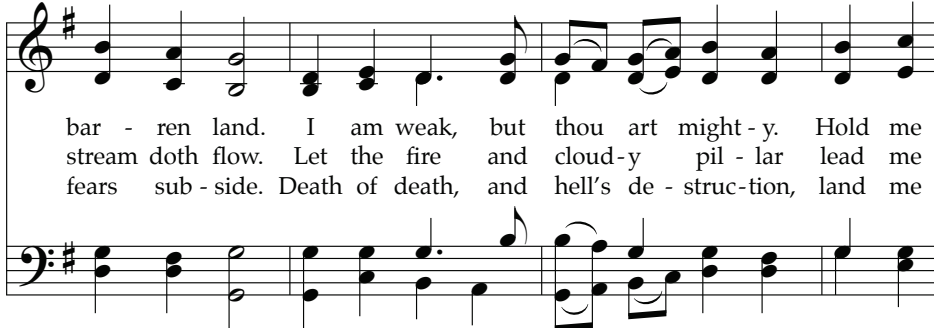
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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.